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Abstract

The invention relates to a safety device for a motor vehicle having a driver's seat whose sitting position can be adjusted by means of a seat adjustment drive, and having a steering wheel whose steering wheel position can be adjusted by means of a steering wheel adjustment drive.

According to the invention, a control unit is provided which evaluates the data which is relevant for the safety of a driving mode, and actuates the steering wheel adjustment drive with timing such that, before an anticipated accident event occurs, a movement of the steering wheel into an optimum steering wheel position for the driver in terms of safety equipment is initiated as a function of the current sitting position of the driver's seat.